

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the Claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to Claim 1 is supported by the application as originally filed and does not contain any new matter. Therefore, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected the Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Renne, stating that Renne discloses the invention including an outer cutter 88 having an interior surface and an outer circumferential side surface 90, an inner cutter 80 having a rotating side surface 92, a gap and a center of said outer cutter and a rotational center of said inner cutter are offset at 70 and 72.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Renne, and respectfully submits that Renne discloses a ring-shaped cutting or shearing blade 80 (see column 2, line 49) and a disk blade 88 (see column 3, line 4). However, the cutting members 80 and 88 are secured for limited relative rotation by post 62 so as to cause oscillating movement of the two cutting members in diametrically opposite directions so as to provide cutting edges of the shearing member at one side of the shaver (see column 3, lines 32-37). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Renne operates somewhat in the same fashion as an Epilady. In contrast thereto, Applicant's invention as claimed comprises an outer cutter having radially extending hair capturing slits and an inner cutter having a plurality of upwardly extending inner cutter blades provided about a circumference of an inner cutter circular support disk. In addition, in Applicant's invention, only the inner cutter is rotated. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the construction of Applicant's invention as claimed is entirely different from Renne.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Renne does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention and that Claims 1-3 are not anticipated thereby.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered, and the case passed to issue.

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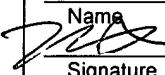
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